

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—The total property stolen is to be calculated. These are the details of stolen property: silver ornaments and cash Rs. 42.06; another dacoity: Rs. 5,280; another one: Rs. 57.50 and another one: Rs. 1,355.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—Of the four which have been detected? Has Government launched any case against any of these dacoits?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—Three cases were charge-sheeted and one is still under investigation.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—It is stated in answer to (e) that in the month of August 1957 no cases of dacoity were reported. But the answer to this Question was given on 2nd January 1958. May I know whether there were any cases of dacoity reported in the period between the two dates?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I am not in possession of that information.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—Out of seven cases only four have been detected and of these four, one is still under investigation and in the case of three, charge sheets were placed. What about the fate of the other three cases?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—They were undetected.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—What is the result in the case of the three cases where charge-sheets were placed?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—Of the three cases charge-sheeted, one ended in conviction, one in acquittal and the other case is still pending.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—What about the accused? Are they inter-State K.Ds. or local K.Ds.?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—Out of the 43 accused, only one belongs to the Bombay State, the rest belong to our State.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—Are they ex-convicts?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I have not got that information.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—In answer to (b) it is stated that the number of these offences was also increasing during the current year. How many are reported in the current year?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—That information is not available.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—It is stated that the offences were on the increase. Then the Special Squad appointed has failed to check it.

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—This Special Police party was appointed in July 1957 and discontinued by the end of September. They were functioning for only two months in order to detect these 7 cases.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—What was the strength of the Police Squad and what is the actual expenditure incurred on that?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—About the expenditure it is already answered. About the strength, one Sub-Inspector, 4 Head Constables and six Constables.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—Has no extra expenditure been incurred on the squad?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—No. The squad was drawn from existing strength of the district.

Failure to take Financial Assistance from the Central Government to Improve the Salaries of the Primary School Teachers.

Q.—1691. **Sri K. MALLAPPA** (Mercara).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it has come to their notice that a statement was made in the Lok Sabha on 26th July 1957 by Dr. K. L. Shrimali, Minister in the Ministry of Education, to the effect that the Government of Mysore failed to take advantage of financial assistance to the extent of 50 per cent of the increased expenditure for improving the salaries of Primary School Teachers during 1956-57;

(b) if so, the reasons for the failure to take advantage of the financial assistance thus offered?

A.—**Sri V. VENKATAPPA** (Minister for Education).—

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (a).